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SUBJECT: CSCE: SWISS PROPOSAL ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

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SUMMARY. AT RESUMED SENIOR POLADS DISCUSSION OF SWISS PROPOSAL ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES THERE WAS CONTINUED STRONG SUPPORT FOR INCLUDING SWISS PROPOSAL UNDER ITEM I. MOST ALLIES SUPPORTED AMENDED US MANDATE FORMULATION (STATE 49869) BUT ARGUED THAT ALLIES SHOULD HOLD OFF PROPOSING CHANGES UNTIL SOVIETS HAD COMMENTED ON SWISS PROPOSAL. VIEWS DIFFERED ON NEED FOR SEPARATE SUB- COMMITTEE. FRG REP MENTIONED REPORT TO EFFECT THAT SWISS PLAN TO DROP THEIR PROPOSAL. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT' S GUIDANCE ON WHETHER SEPARATE SUB- COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO CONSIDER SWISS PROPOSAL.
END SUMMARY.
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1. AS AT PREVIOUS MEETING (REFTEL), ALL DELEGATIONS, EXCEPT TURKISH, SUPPORTED DISCUSSION OF SWISS PROPOSAL

UNDER AGENDA ITEM I. TURKISH REP HAD NO FRESH INSTRUCTIONS.

2. ON QUESTION OF SEPARATE SUB- COMMITTEE, VIEWS WERE DIVIDED. NETHERLANDS REP OPPOSED SEPARATE SUB- COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS THAT THIS WOULD GIVE SWISS PROPOSAL MORE PROMINENCE THAN IT DESERVED. HAD VISITED JAPAN

IN SECRET BEFORE NEGOTIATING WITH EUROPEANS. AICHI COMMENTED THAT IN WAKE OF THIS SETTLEMENT, " PHILOSOPHY" OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS TURNED TO MEANS OF " TIGHTENING" US- JAPAN RELATIONS.

2. AID TO VIETNAM - IN RESPONSE TO SECSTATE' S EXPRESSION OF REGRET THAT THE US HAD BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN A PLACE AT PARIS CONFERENCE FOR JAPAN, AICHI SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT SERIOUS PROBLEM FROM JAPANESE POINT OF VIEW. HE AND SECSTATE AGREED THAT IT CLEAR NORTH VIETNAM DOES NOT WISH TO CONDUCT BUSINESS OF RECEIVING AID THROUGH MULTILATERAL CHANNELS. SECSTATE SAID THAT USG HAS INDICATED AT PARIS CONFERENCE THAT IT EXPECTS JAPAN TO PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN POST- WAR VIETNAM AID EFFORTS. HE CONTINUED THAT WE JUST NOW GETTING TO POINT OF DISCUSSING AID SPECIFICS WITH NVN AND, EVEN THOUGH WE BOTH MAY HAVE TO DEAL WITH NVN ON BILATERAL BASIS, WE WANT TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH GOJ TO ENSURE WE ARE NOT WORKING AT CROSS PURPOSES. AICHI SIGNIFIED AGREEMENT, NOTING THAT AS FINANCE MINISTER HE HELD GOJ PURSE STRINGS AND WOULD BE WILLING TO DO ALL HE COULD TO BE COOPERATIVE.

3. US- JAPAN TRADE PROBLEMS - AICHI, REFERRING TO TRADE IMBALANCE AS " MOST SERIOUS HEADACHE", SAID GOJ WRACKING ITS BRAINS FOR SOLUTION. HE FELT RECENT REVALUATION OF YEN WOULD REDRESS BALANCE IN LONG RUN AND SAID THAT AT SAME TIME GOJ IS TAKING FISCAL CONFIDENTIAL

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AND MONETARY STEPS WHICH SHOULD REDUCE JAPANESE EXPORTS. IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO RECENT STATEMENTS BY MITI MINISTER NAKASONE, HOWEVER, AICHI SAID THAT TRADE MATTERS WERE NOT HIS RESPONSIBILITY AND HE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT US MIGHT BE DISSATISFIED BY DIFFICULTIES MITI MIGHT RAISE ON TRADE SIDE. ASKED FOR PROJECTION OF TRADE TREND, AICHI MERELY STATED THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW RECENT 20 PERCENT YEN/ DOLLAR REVALUATION COULD FAIL TO AFFECT COURSE OF TRADE. HE THEN CITED JAPANESE DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES, MAKING POINT THAT LEFT- WING SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS HAD GAINED STRENGTH DRAMATICALLY IN RECENT ELECTIONS AND WERE DETERMINED TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR US- JAPANESE RELATIONSHIP. HE COMMENTED THAT THIS MEANT LDP

MUST MAKE STRONGER EFFORTS AND ASSURED SECSTATE THAT, PRESS REPORTS TO CONTRARY, THERE NO ANTI- US FEELING WITHIN RANKS OF JAPANESE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP NOR ANY POSSIBILITY THAT OPPOSITION' S ANTI- SECURITY TREATY MOVES WOULD SUCCEED.

4. SECSTATE CLOSED MEETING WITH COMMENTS ON MISLEADING

NATURE OF PRESS REPORTS ON STATE OF US- JAPAN RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT HIGH US OFFICIALS NEVER FAIL TO POINT OUT THAT, DESPITE RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS AND CHINA, WE REGARD OUR RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AS MOST IMPORTANT WE HAVE IN ASIA AND WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO EMPHASIZE THIS. HE DESCRIBED A RECENT INFORMAL AND LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON ON THIS SUBJECT, CITING IMPORTANCE WHICH PRESIDENT ATTACHES TO RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AS EXEMPLIFIED BY ANTICIPATED VISITS OF PRIME MINISTER TANAKA AND EMPEROR AND EMPRESS. IN RESPONSE TO AICHI' S QUESTION AS WHETHER THERE ANY SPECIAL MESSAGE HE COULD TAKE TO PRIME MINISTER, SECSTATE REMARKED THAT US FEELS JAPAN HAS LEADING ROLE TO PLAY IN TRADE AND MONETARY PROBLEMS, BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO WIDE- SCALE DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE IN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS, THAT WE WILL TRY TO WORK OUT ANYTHING JAPANESE WISH TO PROPOSE, AND THAT HE PLEASED AICHI OCCUPIES PRESENT IMPORTANT POST.

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